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## SAMPLE PAGES

Of the New

# BONNEWITZ Peony Catalog



Please Notice that many of the  
Descriptions are Homemade.

Our ambition for next year is to have  
all descriptions made in Van Wert from  
Plants and Blooms in our own Gardens.



### POSTAGE AND PACKING CHARGES:

In my September, 1939 leaflet I told my customers that postage charges would be made on all of the small roots which they purchased from me and in every package which left my garden after that circular was sent out, I placed one or more gratis roots. Apparently these gratis roots were so welcome that my customers did not object to the paying of the postal charges.

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### PARCEL POST

Here is the scale of parcel post prices on packages this year. The charges on one division of any size (or root of any size) will be 10c. The charges on two roots or divisions will be 12c, on three roots or divisions 14c, on four roots or divisions 16c, and one cent for each additional root or division.

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### NO SUBSTITUTIONS:

Of some varieties, I have a limited number of roots. If I cannot supply any variety you order, I will return your money for that variety. I never make substitutions on any customer's order unless the customer asks that this be done.

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Aunt Mary's Sweet Corn Farm  
VAN WERT, OHIO

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### **ALICE HARDING (Lemoine)—9.5**

An extremely large cream white full double rose shape variety with very strong stems. The only variety which ever sold at \$200.00 per root. Excellent for cut flowers and for landscape. It has my highest recommendation.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.00
5 eye division.....			3.50

### **AMA-NO-SODE (Japan)—9.2**

One of the best pink Japanese varieties I have ever seen. Good on the landscape, in the show room and for interior decoration. I like to suggest a mass planting of this variety. It has a fairly long blooming season and perfect foliage.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			2.50

### **FRANK E. GOOD (Good & Welch)**

It opens a most delicate shade of pink. Shows pink and yellow tone at the center of the flower which consists of very, very narrow petals. Splendid carriage. Flower medium size and not very heavy. Excellent for landscape.

1 eye division.....	\$1.25	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			2.50

### **HANSINA BRAND (Brand)—9.1**

This flesh pink, double peony is probably the most famous one originated by Mr. Brand. It has won first class prizes several times at our National Peony Shows. Its color is much affected by the amount of light or cloud on its day of exhibition. Sometimes it carries a beautiful corn color and at other times there is no evidence of this shade in its beautiful bloom. I consider it a very valuable peony.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.00
5 eye division.....			3.50

### **HELEN (Thurlow)—9.0**

This is probably the very best pink single peony in the world and in order that both its beauty and quality be perfectly appreciated it should be grown on clay soil. However, it is as large and often larger when grown on loam or sandy soil, but it lacks the extra high quality which is shown by the thickness of the petals when grown on clay. I recommend it without reservation, for both clay and loam soils.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.00
5 eye division.....			3.00

### **IMPERIAL RED (Sass)**

This variety was first introduced under the name Imperial Pink, but as it is not a true pink, the originator, Mr. Hans Sass, has allowed its name to be changed to Imperial Red. It has, I believe, the strongest stems of any single peony and I believe that its blooms are also of larger size. It is a perfect landscape variety.

1 eye division.....	\$ .75	2 eye division.....	\$1.00
5 eye division.....			1.50

### **ISANI GIDUI (Japan)—9.3**

This yellow and white Japanese peony is in my opinion the best in its class. It is good in the garden, in the home, and on the show table. It has been in

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my garden for twenty-four years and I give it my highest recommendation.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			2.50

### JUDGE SNOOK (Good & Reese)

This very large cream white peony has broad petals of excellent substance borne on good stems. Its color and richness of quality have some similarity to Solange, but its habit, growth, and carriage are superior to that famous variety. I am indeed glad I can offer it in small divisions.

1 eye division.....	\$2.50	2 eye division.....	\$4.00
5 eye division.....			7.50

### KELWAY'S GLORIOUS (Kelway)—9.8

I saw this full double white variety on my first trip to the National Peony Show in New York in 1916, and it has been producing excellent bloom in my garden every year since 1918. Its blooms withstand rain and storm much better than 90% of other varieties. Notice its very high rating which I believe it deserves every year.

1 eye division.....	\$1.25	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			2.50

### LAURA DESSERT (Dessert)—8.8

Although this is known as a yellow peony, yet unless its owner cuts the unopened buds and brings them indoors he will not find a particle of yellow in the bloom because the sun absorbs all the yellow very quickly after the petals are opened. It is almost exactly like the variety Primevere which was originated by Mr. Lemoine. Very few experts can select a bloom of one variety if it is placed among a dozen blooms of the other. I regard Laura Dessert as having slightly better stems. Do not neglect to place bags over the buds and then take the flowers indoors before the bags are removed.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			2.00

### LE CYGNE (Lemoine)—9.9

This very large, very beautiful white peony has the highest rating of any variety in the world. When it is perfectly grown it is as beautiful as the best Jubilee I have ever seen. Every peony lover wants it and every peony lover should have it.

1 eye division.....	\$1.25	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			2.50

### MINNIE SHAYLOR (Shaylor)—8.9

You will find this variety listed with my double peonies but to me it seems very ill at home among them. It has, I believe, usually three and sometimes four rows of petals, but its light breezy effect fits it perfectly among the single varieties. In selecting singles for your garden I would like you to consider this variety and Silvia Saunders as perfected single varieties. The petals open a beautiful pink in dark cloudy weather which, however, changes to white even if the weather does remain cloudy. I hope that thousands of men and women get the same kind of joy which I do out of these beautiful peonies which are not too heavily loaded with petals.

1 eye division.....	\$ .75	2 eye division.....	\$1.00
5 eye division.....			1.50



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### MRS. EDWARD HARDING (Shaylor)—9.3

This early blooming white variety is the original \$100.00 peony. Its blooms are excellent in the show room and for interior decoration and its landscape value is good.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			2.00

### PHILIPPE RIVOIRE (Riviere)—9.2

A medium-sized, full double, red, late mid-season peony which, for fifteen years, has maintained its place as the best red variety in the world. It has a pleasing odor, the color holds well and the stems are strong enough to hold the medium-sized blooms. It has my unqualified recommendation as a prize winner and as a landscape variety.

1 eye division.....	\$1.25	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			2.50

### TAMATE-BOKU (Japan)—9.4

This large and beautiful pink and yellow variety was far, far the best Japanese variety exhibited in the Rochester National Peony Show last year and it was the only Japanese variety placed in the Court of Honor. Its history is the most remarkable of any peony in all our American peony catalogues. I was, I believe, the very first importer of this variety from France in 1916 at a price of only \$2.00. And now, after twenty-four years in commerce, it is not only the best Japanese variety but its increase in popularity, demand, and price is almost like a fairy story. I am sure that every peony enthusiast will look forward to the time when he will have a Tamate-Boku growing in the Court of Honor in his own garden.

1 eye division.....	\$2.50	2 eye division.....	\$3.50
5 eye division.....			6.00

### YELLOW KING (Japan)

While this splendid variety has pink guards, yet it has the best yellow central petals of any variety and the yellow takes prominence over the pink. The growing buds should be covered with thick paper bags until they begin to expand rapidly, at which time the buds should be taken indoors and the bags removed. A display of fifty or a hundred of these yellow blooms brings exclamations of surprise from all beholders. This is one variety which should be grown in quantity and all the flowers should be taken indoors for all their yellow beauty is lost in the open garden.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.00
5 eye division.....			3.50

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This Folder gives description of 16 different Peonies. But the new Catalog will contain more than ten times as many. If you appreciate Peonies send for it.

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